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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Examiner: Shubo ZHOU

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EXTRACTING AND EVALUATING MUTUALLY SIMILAR PORTIONS IN ONE-DIMENSIONAL SEQUENCES IN MOLECULES AND/OR THREE-DIMENSIONAL STRUCTURES OF MOLECULES

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS FOR PATENT APPLICATIONS CONTAINING NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE DISCLOSURES

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement and Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, mailed September 23, 2003.

The subject Restriction Requirement set a shortened, 1-month period for response to expire October 23, 2003. A Petition for an Extension of Time for 3 months is filed concurrently herewith, thereby extending the response due date to January 23, 2004. Therefore, this Response is timely filed by January 23, 2004.

However, if any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The attached drawings include changes to FIGS. 10-12, 23A, 23B, 25, 26, 29, 30, 38A, 38B, 39A, 39B, and 46, to include sequence ID numbers thereon.

For the convenience of the Examiner, annotated sheets showing the changes made is attached. Approval of these changes to the Drawings is respectfully requested.